REQUEST **FOR TRANSMITTAL**

ED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

| Application Number | 09/878,187 |
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| Confirmation Number | 1960 |
| Filing Date | June 12, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Toshio MORITA |
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| Examiner Name | Peter J. Lish |
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PRODUCING THE SAME AND APPARATUS THEREFOR Title This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 22, 2004 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii.□ Other b.

Enclosed Amendment/Reply i. 🗆 ii. □ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii.□ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) Petition for Extension of Time iv.□ v.

Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months b. Other 3. FEES A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE * 05/04/2004 CCHAU1 00000236 09878187 23373 770.00 OP 01 FC 1801 CUSTOMER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY Registration No. 25,430 Registration No. 25,43

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